

AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-5 will be pending. Claims 6-16 have been withdrawn. New claims 17-31 have been added. Applicants respectfully request the entry and consideration of new claims 17-31. New claims 17-31 are properly grouped with the elected claims pertaining to an article.

Support for new claims 17-31 can be found in the as-filed application as follows: for claims 17-18 at paragraph 0017; for claim 19 at paragraph 0014; for claims 20-22 at paragraph 0036; for claim 23 at paragraph 0039; for claim 24 at paragraph 0040, for claim 25 at original claim 8; for claim 26 at original claim 12; for claims 27-29 at paragraph 0022; for claim 30 at paragraph 0014; and for claim 31 at paragraphs 0013-14, 0017 and 0029. No new matter has been added.

Restriction Requirement

In the pending Restriction Requirement, restriction to one of Group I, claims 1-5, Group II, claims 6-12 or Group III, claims 13-16 is required. Applicants select Invention I without traverse. As a result, claims 6-16 of Inventions II and III have been withdrawn, while the right to later file continuations or divisions to pursue these claims is reserved.

If allowance of this application may be expedited by resolution of simple issues through a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned. No fees additional are believed due at this time, if it is otherwise determined by the Office, the USPTO is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3329.

Respectfully submitted,

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